Director

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1291

DATE: September 16, 2013

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals Not Enrolled in IowaCare

From: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Limited Emergent Hospital Coverage for IowaCare Members

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

On July 1, 2013, Informational Letter 1268 announced the availability of \$1 million dollars in funding for emergency hospital services for IowaCare members for State Fiscal Year 2014 (SFY14). This funding applies to services rendered by a hospital licensed in Iowa and enrolled with Medicaid, but not a designated lowaCare hospital (refer to Informational Letter No. 947).

The IME anticipates the funding pool for SFY14 will be exhausted by the week of September 16, 2013, and any claims that are not fully adjudicated when the cap is met will deny. This includes claims that had been suspended for IME review (in process). For the remainder of the fiscal year, emergent hospital services at a non-lowaCare hospital will not be covered by IowaCare.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work towards offering much needed services to all Iowans. If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

